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Mr. Chairman and members of the House Fish & Game Committee:

I am Ed Grady, a former Representative of the House, a rancher, and a landowner in Canyon Creek area.

I am here in support of H. B.146 revise distribution of the Block Management Funding.

The Grady Ranches have allowed public hunting since my father purchased the first ranch in 1940. Verbal Access permission was required at first then, as hunting became more popular written permission was required.

When the Block Management Program came in effect the ranches entered into this program with Fish & Wildlife.

The Block Management programs are one of the best hunting access programs for both the land owners and the department, for it takes a big load off of the land owners and the hunters like it. The Block Management Program needs more money for there are landowners who would like to sign up but the program is short of funds. 90% of our hunters are resident hunters and most of the funding comes from non-resident hunters. I feel this should be addressed but I understand there are other bills that will address this matter.

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